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re application of:

Aboul-Hosn et al.<

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. 1.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

> [x] a small entity

other than a small entity.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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Sir:

Applicant responds to the Office Action (which contains a restriction requirement and an election of species requirement) mailed February 26, 2002, for which a shortened one month period of time was set for response.

An automatic five month extension of time to respond, up to and including August 26, 2002, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Claim Group 1 (Claims 1 to 39). In response to the election of species requirements, Applicant elects (i) Pump Group A: Figures 3 and 4 (Centrifugal); (ii) Conduit Group B: Figs. 11 to 15, 17, 19, 20 (Intravascular Dual Cannula); and (iii) Placement Group C: (b – through the vena cava). Applicant believes the following claims read on the elected combination of species: 1 to 5; 7 to 11; 14 to 18; 20; 21; 23; 24; and 31 to 39.

Respectfully submitted,

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